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By first-class, U.S. mail

Nebraska Public Service Commission
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Lincoln, NE 68509-4927

U.S. Dept. of Defense (SDDCTEA)
Attn: Railroads for National Defense
709 Ward Drive
Bldg. 1990, Room 2E264
Scott AFB, IL 62225

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Cultural Resources, Rm. 3126
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
4th Floor N.W., Sidney R. Yates Federal Bldg.
14th Street & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Re: STB Docket No. AB-1106X, *ABE Fairmont, LLC -- Abandonment Exemption --
in Fillmore County, NE*

STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub.-No. 488X), *BNSF Railway Company --
Discontinuance of Rail Service -- in Fillmore County, NE*

Dear Agency or Department Representative:

By virtue of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d), ABE Fairmont, LLC (ABE) and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) are required to provide notice to you of the imminent filing at the Surface Transportation Board (STB) by ABE and BNSF of a Joint Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10903 for ABE's abandonment of a rail line that extends between Milepost 0.93 near BNSF's east-west main line at Fairmont, NE and Milepost 3.70 at the north property line of Fillmore County Road H near Fairmont, NE, a distance of approximately 2.77 miles at or near Fairmont, Fillmore County, Nebraska, and by BNSF for its discontinuance of rail service pursuant to trackage rights over ABE's rail line between Milepost 0.93 as identified above and Milepost 1.7 near Fairmont, NE, a distance of approximately 0.77 miles at or near Fairmont, Fillmore County, Nebraska.

The proposed abandonment will affect U.S. Postal Zip Code 68354. It is anticipated that the Petition for Exemption will be filed on or about October 11, 2013.

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There is nothing in ABE's or BNSF's possession that indicates that the Rail Line contains federally granted right-of-way. If ABE or BNSF were to locate documentation that shows such federally granted right-of-way, such documentation would be made available promptly to those requesting it.

You may direct any questions about the proposed abandonment to the undersigned as representative of ABE and BNSF.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McFarland". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Thomas F. McFarland
*Attorney for ABE Fairmont, LLC
and BNSF Railway Company*

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cc: (by e-mail)
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Mr. Richard Peterson
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